



MINUTES OF DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING **Saturday, January 26, 2008**

Chair: Bob Leek, District Governor 2007-08

Welcome: DG Bob called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. District Governor Elect Ralph Montesanto brought the invocation. Attendees introduced themselves around the room by explaining also, what excites them about Rotary. Special recognition was given for the visiting incoming presidents.

Agenda Change: DG Bob announced a change in the agenda with Paul McAfee and David Johnson giving special presentations first due to their need to leave early.

Public Relations Committee: Paul McAfee reported on the public relations grant from Rotary International. He showed slides of various billboards to Council members. A ballot was cast by each attendee voting on the top two billboards out of about eight.

World Community Service: David Johnson, WCS Chair (see Service Projects Director's report also). Chair David reported on new 4 projects being proposed by the WCS Committee for approval by District Council (for fundraising with District 7090 clubs that meet the substantive TRF annual fund giving test).

Project 1. MOTION THAT DISTRICT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE ADDITION OF BRIDGES AND WELLS, ETHIOPIA, TO THE APPROVED PROJECTS LISTS WAS MADE BY ART WING, SECONDED BY PRAVIN SUCHAK. MOTION CARRIED.

Project 2. MOTION THAT DISTRICT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE ADDITION OF RYLA IN MOZAMBIQUE TO THE APPROVED PROJECTS LIST WAS MADE BY RALPH MONTESANTO, SECONDED BY DICK EARNE. MOTION CARRIED.

Project 3. MOTION THAT DISTRICT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE ADDITION OF THE GOLDEN HORSESHOE BELARUS CHILDREN OF CHERNOBYL PROGRAM TO THE APPROVED PROJECTS LIST WAS MADE BY JOE DEPAOLO, SECONDED BY BOB BRUCE. MOTION CARRIED.

Project 4. MOTION THAT DISTRICT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE ADDITION OF THE KATRINA DISASTER RELIEF PROPOSAL TO THE APPROVED PROJECTS LIST WAS MADE BY PRAVIN SUCHAK, SECONDED BY ALEX KREBS. MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary's Report: Pene Hutton (see attached report)

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2007, WAS MADE BY PDG BOB BRUCE, SECONDED DAVID GREENFIELD. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report: Marlene McGraw (see attached report)

Marlene noted that income and expenditures were as budgeted excepting Membership which variance was approved due to the club visits by Chair Andy Skrypniak. Additionally she noted that on the income side, all District clubs had paid their dues and that Karen Oakes estimates that the Foundation Dinner will net \$2,700 when all the income is in.

District Governor's Report: Bob Leek (see attached report)

DG Bob highlighted his trip to Haiti with Roy Sheldrick and PDG Bob Bruce to view the Artibonite water wells and to attend the Rotary World Water Conference in Port-au-Prince. Also noted was the current request to District 7090 to fund \$30K towards a special Peace Scholarship in Wilf Wilkinson's name and to fund \$20K over two years toward the International Convention that will be held in Montreal in 2009.

District Governor Elect's Report: Ralph Montesanto (see attached report)

PETS I February 9, 2008 Niagara Falls Conference Center, US

District Assembly May 3, 2008 Niagara College, NOTL

District Changeover June 29, 2008 Liuna Station, Hamilton

GSE will be with District 4840 Paraguay & Argentina and the inbound team will arrive in time for the District Conference in October, instead of waiting until spring 2009. DGE Ralph also noted the rewards of his trip to India to participate in a limb cap for victims of polio.

District Governor Nominee's Report: Pravin Suchak (see attached report)

DGN Pravin suggested that in the interest of time, Council members read his report as submitted.

Director's Reports:

Rotary Foundation: PDG Bob Bruce, Director (see attached report)

PDG Bob Bruce noted that included in his report is the Rotary Foundation's Monthly Contribution Report. He encouraged clubs to review the report for accuracy and to remember to put the club no. on the check when submitting.

Polio Plus: Spud Ericson, Chair, gave some background on the two polio eradication campaigns. He indicated that in the first campaign, District 7090 raised one million dollars and that in the second campaign, we raised over \$420 thousand dollars. RI has spent \$633 million dollars to date to eradicate polio. We need to raise another \$100 million to match the Gates Foundation grant of \$100 million and to finish the eradication.

Youth Services: Kevin Crouse, Director (see attached report)

Youth Exchange: David George, Chair, gave his report of a successful interview process with 33 students outbound from the District in 2008-09. He also indicated that the YE program had added an element to the YE interviews. Because of students abroad coming home when things get a little rocky...parents had to commit to say to their child on exchange, "CALL DAVE", when the student has problems. He also noted that Temagami is coming up on February 13 – 19. He indicated that Past YE Chair Greg Norton would once again be resident in-charge at the winter wilderness experience.

ROTARACT: Kevin Crouse indicated that work is being done to start a new club at Erie Community College.

Training: Wally Ochterski, PDG, Director (see attached report)

PDG Wally reported on upcoming training opportunities in public presentations and consensus building tentatively planned to occur in May and June.

Membership: Andy Skrypniak, Director (see attached report)

Governor's Committees Reports:

Nominating: (see attached report). DG Bob announced that 2 candidates for governor will be interviewed this afternoon.

District Incorporation: PDG Dick Earne reported verbally that he and Sandra Stephenson, and one other were working on the incorporation process required by Rotary International of the Youth Exchange programs in every District. Once he and his colleagues have a proposal it will go first to the Advisory Council and then to District Council for approval.

Friendship Exchange: (see attached report).

Family of Rotary: (see attached report).

Club Runner: Postponed because of time.

Council on Legislation: (see attached report and recommendation)

MOTION BY PDG JOE DEPAOLO THAT THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ADOPT THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRODECURE AS RECOMMENDED BY RI IN SELECTING A REPRESENTATIVE FROM DISTRICT 7090 TO THE 2010 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION. PDG BOB BRUCE SECONDED.

Discussion on this motion was heard, including whether there was time to make changes to the District Manual of Procedure in this regard. THE MOTION WAS TABLED.

New Business:

MOTION MADE BY RICK STERNE, AG, TO FUND \$10,000 FROM THE RESERVE ACCOUNT TO MAKE THE 1ST PAYMENT FOR THE MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION. SECONDED BY BOB BRUCE, PDG. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. by acclaim.

Respectfully submitted,



Penelope Hutton
District Executive Secretary

Reports Attached:

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

District Governor's Report

District Governor Elect's Report

District Governor Nominee's Report

Committee Reports:

- Membership

- Rotary Foundation
- Youth Services
- Service Projects
- Training
- Nominating
- Council on Legislation
- Friendship Exchange
- Family of Rotary



Executive Secretary's Report to District 7090 Council January 26, 2008

During the period from November 18, 2007 to January 26, 2008, the Executive Secretary provided support in the following manner, among other things:

District Governor/District Council:

- Prepared Minutes of November Council Meeting - sent for posting to website
- Collected reports, prepared agenda with Governor, formatted and distributed via email to Council members for January Council Meeting
- Distributed information to clubs as requested including website link to monthly District newsletters
- Booked meeting space for Council; ordered refreshments
- Sent reminder notices of Governor's Official Meeting to Clubs

District Governor-elect and Nominee Support

- Responded to various informational inquiries
- Conferenced with DGs, etc. regarding Club Runner
- Distributed many informational emails to Presidents Elect
- Made PE mailing labels for PETS trainers

District Committee Support:

- Distributed emails as requested

Miscellaneous:

- Provided club support - answered varied email and phone messages regarding general where to and how to questions, e.g. insurance, how to access RI website club information etc., how to complete attendance reports, etc
- Continuous update of email addresses as notified

Publishing/Website:

- Updated new ClubRunner directory to reflect District positions.
- Adding information to new ClubRunner District 7090 website.

Rotary International District 7090
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2007

	<u>Dec 31, 07</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
1010 - HSBC US	45,266.75
1015 - HSBC Short Term Investment	25,000.00
1020 - BoM Cdn	15,818.76
1025 - BoM GIC	25,000.00
1040 - Petty cash	1,530.88
1070 - Citizens Bank	56,931.57
1090 - Restricted Grants Committee	1,488.00
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>171,035.96</u>
Accounts Receivable	
1110 - Accounts receivable	4,053.50
1115 - Accounts receivable - Cdn	396.43
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>4,449.93</u>
Other Current Assets	
1450 - Prepaid expenses	12,043.68
Total Other Current Assets	<u>12,043.68</u>
Total Current Assets	187,529.57
Fixed Assets	
1700 - Equipment	2,457.44
1750 - Accum Amort - Equipment	-737.24
Total Fixed Assets	<u>1,720.20</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>189,249.77</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2010 - Accounts payable	2,038.78
2020 - Accounts Payable - Cdn	2,650.00
Total Accounts Payable	4,688.78
Other Current Liabilities	
2400 - Funds Held in Trust	
2420 - Polio Funds	218.06
2400 - Funds Held in Trust - Other	606.75
Total 2400 - Funds Held in Trust	<u>824.81</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>824.81</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>5,513.59</u>
Total Liabilities	5,513.59
Equity	
3100 - Restricted funds	7,109.22
3900 - Retained Earnings	145,866.62
Net Income	30,760.34
Total Equity	<u>183,736.18</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>189,249.77</u></u>

Rotary International District 7090
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
July through December 2007

Ordinary Income/Expense Income	\$ Over/(Under)		
	Jul - Dec 07	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
4000 - Club assessment			
4010 - General assessment	102,120.08	108,765.00	(6,644.92)
4030 - Insurance Assessment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 4000 - Club assessment	102,120.08	108,765.00	(6,644.92)
4200 - District Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00
4300 - District Governor RI reimb	10,706.00	11,025.00	(319.00)
4400 - AG reimbursement	0.00		1,750.00
5000 - Earned revenues			
5010 - Foundation dinner	10,920.00	5,000.00	5,920.00
5020 - Youth Exchange			
5022 - Temagami Rev	0.00		23,000.00
5023 - Blazers/Cards/Name Badges	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
5025 - Orientation/Fellowship	4,465.00	0.00	4,465.00
Total 5020 - Youth Exchange	4,465.00	1,000.00	3,465.00
5030 - RYLA	0.00		19,250.00
5035 - Slapshot	0.00		11,250.00
5040 - PETS	0.00		27,000.00
5050 - COTS	0.00		5,200.00
Total 5000 - Earned revenues	15,385.00	6,000.00	9,385.00
5060 - District Simplified Grants	0.00		
5200 - Interest income	671.69	12,375.00	(12,375.00)
5400 - Other income		1,430.00	(758.31)
5401 - Other Income	220.00	0.00	220.00
Total 5400 - Other income	220.00	0.00	220.00
Total Income	129,102.77	139,595.00	(10,492.23)
			246,965.00

Rotary International District 7090
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
July through December 2007

	\$ Over/(Under)		
	Jul - Dec 07	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Expense			
5405 · Exchange Gain/Loss	35.79	0.00	0.00
6000 · Administration			
6010 · District Governor	4,275.56	5,100.00	10,200.00
6020 · Assistant Governors	0.00	850.00	1,750.00
6030 · District council	602.25	900.00	1,800.00
6040 · District directory	2,848.30	2,000.00	4,500.00
6060 · District website	0.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
6070 · District newsletter	3,902.13	3,530.00	7,100.00
6080 · District office			
6081 · Office Support	6,000.00	6,000.00	12,000.00
6082 · Phone Charges	235.06	60.00	120.00
6083 · Postage	150.88	150.00	300.00
6084 · Office Supplies	274.64	120.00	220.00
6085 · Bank Charges	387.15	180.00	360.00
Total 6080 · District office	7,047.73	6,510.00	13,000.00
Total 6000 · Administration	18,675.97	20,390.00	41,350.00
7000 · Directors and Committees			
7010 · Group study exchange	0.00	1,500.00	4,500.00
7015 · District Simplified Grants	0.00	12,475.00	24,950.00
7020 · Interact, Rotaract	0.00	500.00	1,000.00
7030 · Long-range planning	0.00		500.00
7040 · Membership	1,374.28	1,000.00	1,000.00
7050 · Rotary foundation	398.69	1,000.00	1,000.00
7060 · Rotary Scholars	0.00		650.00
7070 · Vocational service	0.00	100.00	250.00
7080 · World community service	191.52	500.00	1,100.00
7090 · Youth exchange			
7092 · Temagami	11,208.00	12,000.00	25,000.00
7093 · Blazers/Cards/Name Badges	444.39	1,250.00	2,500.00
7095 · Orientation/Fellowship	3,561.49	1,750.00	3,500.00
7096 · Other YE expenses	193.31	0.00	0.00
Total 7090 · Youth exchange	15,407.19	15,000.00	31,000.00

Rotary International District 7090 Profit & Loss Budget Performance July through December 2007

	\$ Over/(Under)		
	Jul - Dec 07	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
7100 - RYLA	1,147.45	765.00	20,765.00
7105 - Slapshot	0.00		10,450.00
7200 - Other committees	40.55	1,500.00	2,500.00
Total 7000 - Directors and Committees	18,559.68	34,340.00	99,665.00
7500 - Standing Committees			
7520 - District insurance	27,941.77	30,000.00	30,000.00
7530 - Finance and audit	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total 7500 - Standing Committees	27,941.77	33,000.00	33,000.00
8000 - Training			
8020 - PETS expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	27,000.00
8030 - COTS expenses	0.00		7,200.00
8040 - District training	4,804.15	4,800.00	9,500.00
8050 - Assist Gov Training	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
8070 - Dist Gov Nominee Training	2,357.70	3,200.00	3,200.00
8080 - Dist Gov Elect Training	7,516.91	8,000.00	10,200.00
8090 - District Gov Training	4,649.90	6,000.00	9,000.00
Total 8000 - Training	20,828.66	24,500.00	67,100.00
8500 - Foundation Dinner	11,300.56	5,100.00	5,100.00
8600 - Meeting Expenses	0.00	350.00	750.00
9915 - Unbudgeted Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	98,342.43	117,680.00	246,965.00
Net Ordinary Income	30,760.34	21,915.00	0.00
Net Income	30,760.34	21,915.00	0.00

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT TO DISTRICT 7090 COUNCIL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 2008

1) The Haitian Experience

- Attended the Rotary World Water Conference in Port-au-Prince with PDG Bob Bruce and Water Taskforce Chair Roy Sheldrick
- Significant learning experience on sustainability, scaling projects up to programs, needs assessment, cultural understanding, sanitation issues surrounding water
- RI President Wilf Wilkinson and WASRAG Chair Ron Denham in attendance
- 3 days in the Artibonite valley, observing the impact of Roy Sheldrick's well program
- 150 wells drilled, 3 new Rotary clubs established, dozens of foundation funded projects (including drilling rigs, pipe lines, medical equipment), Paul Harris awards made, needs assessment on new latrines, community support groups established

2) Rotary World Peace Summit

- To be held in Windsor, Ontario, April 25-27. Will feature internationally renowned speakers and panels, as well as a Saturday night Peace Concert
- RI President Wilf Wilkinson will be in attendance
- Register on-line at rotarypeacesummit.org
- April 24th, Wilf will be in London Ontario speaking at the London Convention Centre

3) Fall District Conference

- Planning well under way, with active committees in program, logistics, sponsorship, registration, p.r.
- Plan for pre-registration on-line by March 1st
- Target visits to each club to promote the event
- See distributed flyer

4) Wilf Wilkinson Scholarship Request

- Call from Zone 22 Director to consider support of a special Peace Scholarship Fund in honour of RI President Wilf Wilkinson
- Each district being asked to donate \$30,000 in amassing a trust fund of \$500,000
- Have discussed with organizers, plan has not been organized to the point that funds can be solicited
- Will be difficult to support in light of commitment to assist funding 2010 Montreal Convention
- Will report in due course as details are clarified

5) Passing of PRID Gerry Wooll

- Gerry was a Past R I Director and Treasurer, Past District Governor, Past President and long time member of the Rotary Club of St. Catharines
- Former Lord Mayor of Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Co-Founder of Genaire Ltd., aircraft parts repair organization
- 85 missions in world war two
- "Where there's a Wooll, there's a way"
- Funeral held in September, with strong club and district representation

6) Club Visits

- 73 down, 1 to go
- Rotary Club of Fort Erie in February

7) Montreal Convention

- As reported at last council meeting, recommendation was made to the District Finance Committee to identify funds in the amount of \$10,000 per year for the next two Rotary years (\$20,000 total) to support the RI International Convention in Montreal. Finance Committee will be meeting to finalize these arrangements

District Governor Elect Report To District Council January 26, 2008

It is only five months until I assume the role of District Governor. To that end, I continued to work on the following: The new District Website, District Governor 2008-09 Training and Administration Budget Proposal, District Committee Meetings and Functions, District Assembly/Conference, Presidents-Elect Training, District Leadership Team, District Conference, Group Study Exchange preliminaries, my own training, and District Governor Changeover. In addition my wife and I took part in a polio corrective surgery and limb camp in India.

Polio Corrective Surgery and Limb Camp

My wife Barb and I joined 14 other Rotarians from Michigan and Ontario as Rotary Ambassadors to Dhanbad, India, a city about four hours by train north of Kolkata. We saw Matching Grant 63092 in action as it helped polio victims receive corrective leg surgery, leg braces and arm driven tricycles. Close to 1000 individuals were assisted during the limb camp. With the \$100 million Gates Foundation Challenge Grant to help eradicate polio, it is very important to actually see what happens to people if this goal is not attained.

On the way to and from the limb camp, we journeyed through China, with several days in Tibet and Nepal before arriving in India. In Kathmandu we were hosted by local Rotarians and visited several of their local projects from latrines for a rural school to a small factory that made inexpensive water purification filters. In Dhanbad and Kolkata we home stayed with Rotarians and made many new friendships and contacts.

This has to be one of the best ways to see and feel the work that Rotary does beyond our own communities. If the opportunity arises, I highly encourage every Rotarian in the District to seriously consider getting involved in this way.

District Governor Changeover

The date for the District Governor Changeover Celebration is Sunday, June 29, 2008. Liuna Station in Hamilton is booked. More information will follow as that date nears.

The International Assembly

I write this report for District Council several days before Barb and I leave for San Diego and the Rotary International Assembly. This is Rotary International's intense week of training for all District Governors for 2008 – 2009 and their spouses. I will have a more detailed oral report for Council once we return.

Group Study Exchange

Both District Governor-Elect Maria Rosa Murciego from District 4840 and myself got our paperwork into Rotary International by the January 1, 2008 deadline. As stated in an earlier report to Council, this will be a specialized exchange in the area of water. In order that the incoming GSE team can be part of our District Conference in the fall of 2008, their team will be arriving on October 1 and leaving on October 30. This is a significant change from previous practice for our District which had incoming teams in May to coincide with the previous District Conference time. Our team will be going to Paraguay, Misiones - Argentina on May 10, 2009 and returning on June 6. They will have the opportunity to be part of District 4840's Conference. Our present District GSE Committee Co-Chairs Jean Armitage and David Greenfield are aware of the change and supportive. The incoming Co-Chair for next year is also supportive.

District Conference

The District Conference Committee continues to plan for the October 17 – 19, 2008 conference in Hamilton, Ontario. The theme is, "Water: A Clear Commitment". The program is almost finalized and the Promotion Committee will have the next level of materials completed once the details of the program are ready in the next month. Everything is on track with a goal of 800 – 1000 delegates, many of whom will not be Rotarians.

District Leadership Team

I continue to seek the advice of the Governor's Advisory Committee, the Assistant Governors, and the District Directors and Committee Chairs as I prepare a list of possible contacts for positions on Council as present Council members complete their terms. To date, the following people have accepted positions for next year's Council: Andy Skrypniak for an extended year as Membership Director, Bob Leek as Chair of Club Extension, Keith Lindberg as Canadian Co-Chair of Group Study Exchange, Dan Sperrazza as Chair of the Harassment and Abuse Prevention Committee, Karen Oakes as mentioned at the September Council meeting as Director of The Rotary Foundation, and John Mullen as Assistant Governor for Area 2.

I still have to replace the Director of Service Projects, the Chair of The Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund, the GSE US Co-Chair, and Assistant Governors for Areas 3, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 16.

President-Elect Training

I chaired the Presidents-Elect Training Advisory Committee conference call that discussed Pre-Pets training at The Rotary Foundation Dinner of November 9, 2007 and examined the proposed training agenda for PETS 1 on February 9, 2008 at the Niagara Falls Conference Centre in Niagara Falls N.Y.

Feed back from the committee, as well as over 20 responses from the Presidents-Elect who attended the Foundation Dinner was very positive. The experience of having a top notch speaker like Bob Scott explain The Rotary Foundation helped increase Foundation knowledge as well as develop more positive attitudes towards the Foundation. Presidents-Elect particularly liked having their spouses or significant others join them and be treated in a professional and valued manner.

District Trainers, Art Wing and Jacquie Herman-Wing went over the training agenda for PETS 1. After some discussion some minor changes were made to the program.

I am particularly pleased at the number of Presidents-Elect who are attending District Council meetings as part of their induction into the role of Club President. Counting this meeting, 37 Presidents-Elect have given up a Saturday to learn more about how the District operates and to put a face on the members of the District Leadership Team who are available to assist them at the club level.

District Assembly/Conference

The location for the District Assembly has changed. The University of Buffalo set its examination schedule and our assembly was preempted by two days. This was unexpected. District Trainers Art and Jacquie are exploring a return to Niagara College in St. Catharines for the May 3rd date. Also this year, the District Assembly will be combined with a mini District Conference to meet the RI criteria that we have a District Conference each year. The key additions are the Annual District Business Meeting and the selection of a Council on Legislation delegate.

District Committee Meetings and Functions

I attended the funeral of Ray Wooll, PDG, PRID; and, took part in the Governor's Advisory Committee conference call and the World Community Service Committee meeting. As well, I prepared a first draft of my official club visitation schedule for next year.

District Governor 2008-09 Training and Administration Budget Proposal

I submitted to the District Finance Committee a proposed District Governor training and administration costing for the 2008-09 budget.

The New District Website

The District signed an agreement in December to have Clubrunner as its website. Some of the data on the previous website has already been transferred to Clubrunner but parts of it were outdated and need to be revised. At the present time, access to add and delete information is limited to Pene Hutton and me although anyone can access the home page and its links. Have a look at where we presently stand by going to clubrunner.ca/7090

In closing I have one last task. I want to talk you into registering for the RI Convention in Los Angeles. So far there are 16 individuals from the District who are signed up. It's a great way to end the Rotary year and get recharged for the new Rotary year. Go to rotary2008.com and register online. Rationalize your expense by combining the flight there with a vacation – a few days before or after the convention at a bed and breakfast, resort or boat cruise.

District Council Meeting
January 26, 2008
DGN Report

- ◆ Since the last District Council meeting in November, I have visited several more clubs in the District, most of the time accompanying DG Bob during his official visit to the clubs.
- ◆ I participated in the GSE team member interviews.
- ◆ I took part in an overnight training seminar for Group Study Exchange and Ambassadorial Scholar programs.
- ◆ DG Bob Leek and I visited the Springville Rotary clubs final official meeting.
- ◆ I attended the last World Community Service meeting earlier in January.
- ◆ I have had several planning meetings with the 2008-09 District Trainers for PETS & District Assembly in 2008-09.
- ◆ I had the first meeting of the core 2009-10 District Conference Committee last week.
- ◆ I attended the District Finance Committee meeting to begin working on the 2009 District Budget.
- ◆ I continue to take part in the conference calls of the District Governor's Advisory Committee.
- ◆ Finally, I have continued to learn more and more about various Rotary programs and become as knowledgeable as possible on these programs.

Rotary International District 7090
Membership Committee Report for District Council
Presented by Andy Skrypniak Membership Director
January 26, 2008

Goals for 2007-2008

- Each club to achieve a net gain of one new member by June 30, 2008.
- Net membership increase for the district of 75 members by June 30, 2008
- All clubs to report attendance on a monthly basis.
- Host two regional membership seminars, both in October, 2007
(achieved)
- District Membership chair to speak to every club prior to June 2008

Attendance:

- 8 clubs did not report in November
- 4 clubs are not reporting at all and will be call one by one
- Year to date attendance is 69%
- 4 clubs under new 50% attendance requirement (all between 40 and 50)

Membership count:

- June 30 count was 2972
- Official July 1 count as per Semi Annual report is 2931
- November count is 2911

Club Visits:

These visits are being well received by the clubs.

Completed club visits: 50

Confirmed club visits: 23

Pending club visits: 1

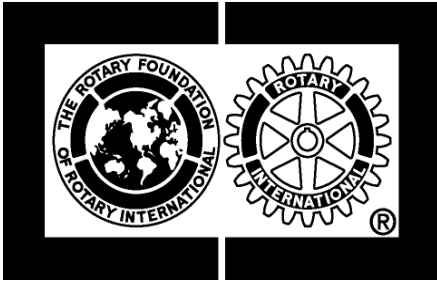
Each club is receiving a copy of Frank Devlyn's book: Frank Talk 2, How to improve membership retention and energize your Rotary club.

Club Visioning:

- No report at this time

Club Extension:

- No report at this time



District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee

District Council Report

January 26, 2008

Bob Bruce, District Rotary Foundation Director

GSE News

David Greenfield and Jean Armitage, Co-chairs

The Group Study committee has held three meetings this year: 1) to plan the year's work for the exchange with District 2482 in Bulgaria, 2) to select the outbound team leader and alternate and 3) to select the four team members and two alternates. As well, the two co-chairs have met several times to plan and coordinate the above meetings.

The members of the team are:

- Team leader Robert Morrow sponsored by the Dundas Valley Sunrise club
- Alternate team leader Jacqueline Herman-Wing, sponsored by the St. Catharines Sunrise club
- Team member Chevonn Digby sponsored by the St. Catharines Sunrise club
- Team member Patricia Daugherty sponsored by the Dunkirk club
- Team member Lindsey Puddicombe sponsored by the Dundas Valley Sunrise club
- Team member Amanda Vizcarra sponsored by the Middleport club
- Alternate team member Janet Bittner sponsored by the Lockport club
- Alternate team member Amanda Leduc sponsored by the Welland club

All of the team members and alternate team members work in the winery industry.

Our team is scheduled to be in Bulgaria May 3 to May 31. To date the team has held two planning meetings with four more planned.

The committee is awaiting information on the team coming from Bulgaria May 7 to June 7 before they start the process to advertise for host clubs and plan the visit to meet the vocational and cultural needs of the visiting team.

Respectively submitted

Jean Armitage GSE Co-chair (Canada)

David Greenfield GSE Co-chair (U.S.A.)

Polio Plus

Dudley (Spud) Ericson, Chair

There is Good News but Challenges remain.

The Good News -----

1. Significant progress was made in reducing polio cases worldwide in 2007:
 - A. The 4 Endemic countries (India - 667; Nigeria - 270; Pakistan - 31; Afghanistan -16) reduced total cases 45% from 1790 to 984.
 - B. Non-endemic countries dropped from 13 to 8 with a reduction in total cases from 122 to 99.
2. As we are aware, the Rotary Foundation received a \$100,000,000 Challenge Grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Challenges -----

1. Extensive efforts are still required to plan & implement immunization drives in the affected countries. The Gates grant will help fund this.
2. The Rotary Foundation must raise the \$100,000,000 match in the next 3 years. Final plans to accomplish this have not been officially released, but the main proposals appear to be:
 - A. Every club **will** be challenged to organize a public fundraising event to raise a minimum of \$1000 annually for the next 3 years.
 - B. Individual Rotarians are invited to take part in the challenge with special emphasis on new (and old) Clubs & Members who have not yet participated in PolioPlus.

An announcement was to have been made at the International Assembly last week. Our District Foundation Committee & Council should be prepared to discuss & formulate our plans in the very near future.

Scholars Committee

John Teibert, Chair

Alumni Committee

Sue Dolan, Chair

Permanent Funds Committee

Karen Oakes, Chair

While these committees have work underway, there is little new to report since the last Council meeting.

Grants Committee

Richard Earne, Chair

The Grants Committee is still soliciting applications for District Simplified Grants. Anyone interested should contact R. Earne at richardearne@yahoo.com, or any member of the Grants Committee.

Two Matching Grants have been received from The Rotary Foundation:

1. The Rotary Club of Ancaster and The Rotary Club of Verrettes, Department de l'Artinonite, Haiti: \$23,400 for a project totalling \$70,200 for 10 wells, 3 cisterns, and 1 springline.
2. The Rotary Club of Waterdown and The Rotary Club of Mandaue North, Cebu, The Philippines: \$20,883 for a project totalling \$ 43,650 for e-skills training for out-of-school youth in outlying villages.

Annual Funds Committee

Art Wing and Joe DePaolo, Co-chairs

Attached to this report is the latest Monthly Contribution Report showing contributions by clubs received by The Rotary Foundation as of December 31, 2007. At the half-year mark, District 7090 clubs have contributed:

\$158,000 towards their goal of \$262,000+;
Restricted Giving (Read PolioPlus and PolioPlus Partners) is \$16,593;
And contributions to The Permanent Fund are \$5,971.

February and March are the months clubs should concentrate on ensuring their contributions are sent to our Foundation.

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						Month	Period	Month	Period	Month	Period		
District: 7090													
7090	District 7090 Contribution	0	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
26305	Akron-Newstead, NY, USA	49	\$4,900.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4721	Albion, NY, USA	42	\$3,000.00	100%	\$71.43	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
25380	Amherst East, NY, USA	29	\$2,900.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4722	Amherst North, NY, USA	18	\$1,800.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4723	Amherst South, NY, USA	38	\$1,900.00	37%	\$18.57	\$25.00	\$705.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$705.58	
28117	Ancaster A.M., ON, Canada	52	\$5,200.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4689	Ancaster, ON, Canada	14	\$1,400.00	661%	\$661.30	\$196.94	\$9,258.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,258.17	1
4724	Batavia, NY, USA	89	\$5,932.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4690	Brantford, ON, Canada	82	\$8,300.00	97%	\$98.52	\$0.00	\$8,078.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,078.42	
29643	Brantford-Sunrise, ON, Canada	55	\$5,500.00	96%	\$96.36	\$5,300.00	\$5,300.00	\$102.04	\$102.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,402.04	
4725	Buffalo, NY, USA	195	\$18,800.00	5%	\$5.13	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
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District: 7090													
30381	Buffalo-Sunrise, NY, USA	12	\$1,200.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
30716	Caledonia, ON, Canada	15	\$1,000.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4726	Cheektowaga, NY, USA	12	\$1,200.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4727	Clarence, NY, USA	69	\$6,500.00	100%	\$94.20	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	
4694	Delhi, ON, Canada	11	\$1,100.00	235%	\$235.16	\$2,586.74	\$2,586.74	\$323.88	\$323.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,910.61	2
52949	Dundas Valley Sunrise, ON, Canada	52	\$6,000.00	185%	\$212.98	\$8,367.35	\$11,075.17	\$510.20	\$1,510.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,585.38	
4695	Dundas, ON, Canada	44	\$4,400.00	103%	\$103.13	\$4,499.49	\$4,537.75	\$510.20	\$510.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,047.96	
4728	Dunkirk, NY, USA	26	\$2,600.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
29662	Dunnville, ON, Canada	30	\$3,180.00	94%	\$100.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$765.31	\$765.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,765.31	
4729	East Aurora, NY, USA	28	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
28911	Eastern Hills Sunrise (Clarence), NY, USA	27	\$2,000.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
52046	Ellicottville, NY, USA	28	\$1,400.00	54%	\$26.79	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	
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District: 7090													
4732	Falconer, NY, USA	32	\$1,600.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
53345	Flamborough AM, ON, Canada	17	\$1,700.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
28116	Fonthill, ON, Canada	25	\$2,500.00	172%	\$171.63	\$3,441.84	\$4,290.85	\$102.04	\$102.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,392.89	
4696	Fort Erie, ON, Canada	15	\$300.00	8%	\$1.67	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	
4733	Fredonia, NY, USA	45	\$3,200.00	3%	\$2.22	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
4734	Grand Island, NY, USA	32	\$3,200.00	1%	\$0.94	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$330.00	
27868	Greater Jamestown AM, NY, USA	22	\$2,200.00	37%	\$37.45	\$824.00	\$824.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$824.00	
59744	Grimsby Noon, ON, Canada	21	\$2,100.00	11%	\$10.71	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	
4698	Grimsby, ON, Canada	31	\$1,800.00	11%	\$6.45	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
28054	Hamburg Sunrise, NY, USA	22	\$2,200.00	9%	\$9.09	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
4735	Hamburg, NY, USA	21	\$2,100.00	95%	\$95.24	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
23427	Hamilton "A.M.", ON, Canada	66	\$12,000.00	129%	\$234.35	\$14,467.35	\$15,467.35	\$1,020.41	\$1,020.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,487.76	3
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Annual Giving Per Capita Rank

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District: 7090												
4742	Lewiston NY USA-- Niagara-on-The-La ke, ON Canada, NY, USA	18	\$1,800.00	36%	\$35.71	\$642.85	\$642.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$642.85
50055	Lincoln, ON, Canada	37	\$3,700.00	100%	\$100.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$510.20	\$510.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,210.20
4744	Lockport, NY, USA	50	\$3,000.00	23%	\$14.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
4745	Medina, NY, USA	9	\$360.00	42%	\$16.67	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
4746	Middleport, NY, USA	12	\$480.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
24800	Niagara County-Central, NY, USA	22	\$2,200.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
27545	Niagara Falls Sunrise, ON, Canada	57	\$5,700.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4747	Niagara Falls, NY, USA	26	\$1,300.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4706	Niagara Falls, ON, Canada	61	\$2,170.00	384%	\$136.44	\$7,448.98	\$8,322.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,020.41	\$1,020.41	\$9,343.40
29972	Niagara-on-the-Lak e, ON, Canada	49	\$4,900.00	6%	\$6.37	\$61.22	\$311.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$311.98
31593	Norfolk Sunrise, ON, Canada	56	\$6,000.00	102%	\$109.33	\$6,122.45	\$6,122.45	\$221.44	\$221.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,343.89
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4748	Olean, NY, USA	43	\$9,000.00	28%	\$58.72	\$1,000.00	\$2,525.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,625.00	
4749	Orchard Park, NY, USA	26	\$1,500.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
66814	Port Colborne Centennial, ON, Canada	27	\$1,200.00	81%	\$35.90	\$0.00	\$969.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$969.38	
4750	Salamanca, NY, USA	10	\$1,000.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4713	Simcoe, ON, Canada	56	\$5,600.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$323.47	\$323.47	\$0.00	\$4,950.50	\$5,273.97	
4751	South Shore of Blasdell-Lackawan na, NY, USA	32	\$2,000.00	75%	\$46.88	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	
4752	Springville, NY, USA	12	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4712	St. Catharines South, ON, Canada	46	\$5,000.00	16%	\$17.75	\$816.32	\$816.32	\$510.20	\$510.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,326.52	
28928	St. Catharines Sunrise, ON, Canada	18	\$1,600.00	133%	\$117.88	\$1,094.90	\$2,121.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,121.81	
4711	St. Catharines, ON, Canada	140	\$14,000.00	147%	\$146.50	\$18,252.04	\$20,510.53	\$107.14	\$607.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,117.67	
23879	St. Catharines-Lakesh ore, ON, Canada	38	\$3,900.00	19%	\$19.94	\$255.10	\$757.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$757.73	
30595	Stoney Creek, ON, Canada	18	\$1,800.00	129%	\$128.60	\$0.00	\$2,314.82	\$765.31	\$765.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,080.13	
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District: 7090													
4753	Tonawandas, The, NY, USA	24	\$2,400.00	8%	\$8.33	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
4716	Waterdown, ON, Canada	40	\$4,000.00	3%	\$2.55	\$0.00	\$102.04	\$1,020.41	\$1,020.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,122.45	
4718	Welland, ON, Canada	51	\$5,200.00	43%	\$43.85	\$51.02	\$2,236.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,236.12	
4755	West Seneca, NY, USA	43	\$4,300.00	37%	\$37.19	\$150.00	\$1,599.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,599.00	
4754	Westfield-Mayville , NY, USA	30	\$1,750.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
4756	Williamsville, NY, USA	30	\$3,000.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total For: 7090		2921	\$262,372.00	60.32%	\$54.18	\$110,482.67	\$158,261.01	\$12,412.67	\$16,593.67	\$1,020.41	\$5,970.90	\$180,825.58	

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Contributions to The Rotary Foundation support a wide variety of programs. The following summary outlines important differences between contribution types. If you have questions, please contact Development Services at 847-866-3352 or the Rotary International office that serves your area.

ANNUAL GIVING

- All contributions support SHARE
 - 50% to District Designated Fund
 - 50% to World Fund
- Counts toward Club and District APF Goal
- Counts toward Annual Giving Per Capita
- PHF recognition available

RESTRICTED GIVING

- Supports program selected by donor
 - Matching Grants
 - PolioPlus
 - PolioPlus Partners
 - World Fund
 - Other Approved Programs
- Does not count towards Club or District APF Goal
- Does not count towards Annual Giving Per Capita

PERMANENT FUND

- Contributions are never spent
- Earnings are spent on programs
- Donor can designate earnings for
 - SHARE
 - World Fund
 - Other (major gifts only)
- Benefactor recognition available
- Does not count towards Club or

DISTRICT SUMMARY

2007/2008 US\$100 Per Capita District Benchmark:	\$292,100.00
2007/2008 District Annual Giving Goal (sum of all club goals):	\$262,372.00
2007/2008 Total of clubs Annual Giving Goals received:	70 of 74 (94.59% received)
2007/2008 Total of Annual Giving for Period:	\$158,261.01
2007/2008 Permanent Fund Earnings Designated to Share:	\$0.00

The Share Contribution Detail Report containing the district's Share summary information from the 07-08 Rotary year for program year 10-11 is available to authorized users on the Member Access Portal at www.rotary.org

January 08 Youth Services Report

Youth Exchange

David George conducted two days of youth exchange interviews on Saturday and Sunday, January 12 and 13 that resulted in the selection of 33 outgoing Youth Exchange candidates for the coming year. The sessions, conducted at Hamburg High School and Hillfield Strathallan College, were superb examples of co-operation between a variety of Rotarians and past youth exchange volunteers. The quality of candidates was as usual excellent, and they will represent District 7090 very well next year. Thanks to all the volunteers who made the two days so successful. Twenty-five clubs will be participating in this outbound exchange program for 2008/2009 with several clubs working in tandem to sponsor students.

Preparations for R.O.L.E. (Temagami) are well underway and orientations for advisors were held on Saturday January 19. The YE Committee is also currently working on documents to satisfy requests from the U.S. Department of State and is in the process of collecting information to meet the requirements of Rotary International's new reporting guidelines. David is also responding to a request from PDG Dick Earne regarding the development of by-laws for the possible formation of a 501-c3 organization.

Interact

Bruce Williamson reports that A.N. Myer High School is in the process of being chartered as an official Interact club. Eugene Oatley and Donna Dalglish are the Rotarians in charge from the Niagara Falls – Canada Rotary Club and Deborah Toth is the club liaison person in the school. This club was started as a result of the Interact session held at Slapshot last year. Slapshot candidate, Sarah Dalglish was responsible for getting the program started.

Early Act

The first Early Act to be chartered in Greater Hamilton will take place at Green Acres Elementary School on 31 January 2008. It is being sponsored by Rick Bialachowski, President of the Rotary Club of Stoney Creek.

Rotaract

Rotaract clubs are encouraged to send candidates to this year's RYLA event held at Brock University on June 1 – 7.

Slapshot

Currently over 50 Canadian registrations have been received for this year's Slapshot program. Although the deadline is March 25, we expect that the 100 registration limit will be met long before that time. American registrations should be directed to Joe McCoy at Joelmccoy@roadrunner.com. Registrations can be confirmed with a cheque covering the \$160. Registration fee. Names can be provided later. Clubs need to act now to confirm a spot for this very popular program. Slapshot occurs on April 25 – 27 at Canterbury Hills in Ancaster, Ontario. This year's Slapshot program will see increased involvement of past RYLA graduates Matt Pomeroy and Jennifer Middleton. Jennifer has just been approved as District 7090's candidate to attend the RYLA International convention on June 12 – 15 in Los Angeles.

RYLA

This year RYLA will occur at Brock University from June 1 through June 7. Registrations are already filling up. A maximum of 40 candidates will be accepted. Deadline for the early bird registration is April 25. Cost is \$600. if received before that date. The final deadline is May 15. Registrations received by that date are \$650. Recent candidates involved in this program have raised \$10,000. for AIDS orphans in Mozambique, and support for the Crossroads Springs project in Kenya and the Water for Life program in Haiti.

Clubs can register for both Slapshot and RYLA programs through Canadian registrar Cheryle Slattery at cherylet@cogeco.ca or Joe McCoy at Joelmccoy@roadrunner.com. This year's RYLA program will feature increased involvement of past RYLA candidates throughout the week as well as a fundraising campaign at the RYLA banquet on Thursday at the Pond Inlet. Plan now to support the RYLA program by attending the RYLA banquet at 6:00 p.m. on June 5 at Brock University. Dinner cost is \$50.00.

Service Director Report January 26 District Council Meeting

World Community Service

The WCS Committee is recommending the following new projects for District Council approval:

1. **Bridges & Wells, Ethiopia** – David Johnson & Henry Kammerer, Grand Island Rotary

David Johnson and fellow Grand Island Rotarian Henry Kammerer recently visited Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and completed a needs assessment in partnership with the Finot Rotary club. Through a proposed partnership with the Finot Rotary Club (Addis Ababa), the Anti-malaria Association, and Rotary clubs of District 7090, a goal of \$35,000 USD has been set to build a bridge (\$20K) and four wells (@ \$3560 each). This goal was established by the local population.

The Grand Island club will partner with the Welland Rotary club for this project in order to access CRCID funds.

2. **RYLA in Mozambique, Orphan Center (ongoing WCS-advised project)** – Jen Middleton, supported by Welland Rotary

Jen Middleton, 2006 RYLA alumna, recently traveled to Mozambique to deliver goods and funds raised by the 2006 Rylarians to a local orphanage, Lula Care Center. The center provides basic needs, education, health care and vocational training to HIV/AIDS orphans. A second center is being constructed in Mozambique. Under the guidance of the Rotary club of Welland, and in partnership with the White River Rotary club in Mozambique and Hands @ Work, Jen proposed to continue working with her RYLA alumni to raise required funds for the completion of the second orphanage center.

3. **Katrina Disaster Relief proposal** – Dick Earne

Last year, 12 Rotarians and 2 guests traveled to Pas Christian, Mississippi to assist with reconstruction efforts. Funds raised by District 7090 Rotarians and friends were matched with grants that totalled \$48000. These funds purchased an auger drill bit and helped to repair two homes. Continued interest from our District's Rotarians and other community groups (police and others) has prompted planning for a return visit to the recovering states. PDG Robb MacLeod has agreed to take the lead in organizing a group trip.

4. **Golden Horseshoe Belarus Children of Chernobyl program (proposed WCS project)** – John Rogers, Stoney Creek Rotary

A new Rotary-led Children of Chernobyl respite program has been developed under the leadership of the Stoney Creek Rotary club to better ensure accountability to its host families and Rotarians involved, and has been named the Golden Horseshoe Belarus Children of Chernobyl (GHBCOC) program.

John Rogers recently visited Belarus and has received the commitment and support of local NGOs and the government facilitators there to work with the new program. In late November, John met with several local host families and has been notified of 10 that are committed to the Golden Horseshoe respite program (the goal being 15 host families for 2008). Legal advisement has been procured and charitable status has been applied for. Until said status is received, the GHBCOC will operate under a not-for-profit umbrella.

At its January meeting the committee also received presentations about other projects. There were:

Crossroads Springs Care Center, Kenya (project update) – Kenmore West Interact group, overseen by Larry Coons, Kenmore Rotary and Alison & Arthur Hyde, East Aurora Rotary

The Interact group at Kenmore West high school, named "Both Your Hands," has taken a lead in raising funds to assist with the proposed expansion of the Crossroads Springs Institute in Kenya (a WCS-approved project). Their activities are overseen by Rotarians from East Aurora and Kenmore.

Crossroad Springs Institute in Kenya has been providing support and education to children orphaned by AIDS since 2004. Nutrition, healthcare, education, clothing and vocational training are given to residents of the orphanage. By keeping the children in school and in a caring environment, Crossroads hopes to prevent the orphans from turning to prostitution or petty theft as their sole means of support. The center now cares for 165 orphans ranging in age from pre-kindergarten to Standard 5. Average cost of providing this care: \$300 U.S. / year. The need now is to expand the facilities and build a secondary school.

Through various fundraisers, the Both Your Hands group has continued to raise monies for Crossroad Springs' expansion. Since the Kenmore West Interact group became involved in Crossroad Springs, they have successfully raised \$6,000. While at the WCS meeting, the group also donated \$404 to polio eradication efforts, and presented Jen Middleton with a contribution for the Lula Care Center. The group was applauded for their efforts and successes.

World Water Summit update and Water Task Force subcommittee report – Roy Sheldrick

Roy Sheldrick, Bob Leek, Bob Bruce and Doug Vincent (7070) traveled to Port-au-Prince, Haiti Dec. 9-15 to tour water projects and attend the World Water Summit. The group distributed donated medications and school and hygiene supplies throughout the Artibonite valley, and visited several Rotary-sponsored projects.

The World Water Summit took place over 2 days, and was attended by Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson and several large NGOs (Pure Water for the World and a division of USAID among them). The Summit ended with a presidential resolution to improve the water and sanitation situations throughout Haiti by 2015, through the infusion of an anticipated \$80 million.

The 7090 Water Task Force subcommittee, guided by Roy Sheldrick, Jerry House and Jack Henderson, is developing the "water" theme for the 2008 District conference in October. The task force is also hoping to organize "water walks" in communities throughout our District to highlight World Water Day on March 22, 2009.

Disaster Relief update – Roy Sheldrick & Dick Earne

Roy updated the committee on the earthquake disaster relief appeal for our Zone family in Russia. To date, Canadian clubs have raised \$2160, which is being forwarded to the Rotarian lead in Nelvisk.

Bolivia Health Boat (project update) – Roy Sheldrick for Dalton Lindsay, Niagara Falls Rotary

The construction and operation of a health boat for La Paz, Bolivia has been a WCS-approved project for over one year. All necessary funds have been raised. The District grants committee has requested updated signatures from Rotary partners in Bolivia due to continued operation and application for grants in a new Rotary year. The project leaders in Niagara Falls are anticipating receipt of these documents in the near future, and will pursue District-level grant funding at that time.

Water Focus for District Conference & GSE – DG Bob Leek & DGE Ralph Montesanto

The 2009 Group Study Exchange (GSE) will be with District 4840 (Argentina & Paraguay), and will be vocationally focused on water. The inbound GSE team's visit will be moved from the usual spring exchange to the fall to coordinate with our District conference. It is hoped that by doing so, ideas and resources will be better shared, and several partnerships between the two districts to focus on water resources and management will result.

Finally, the committee discussed the costs associated with the WCS committee (primarily the printing of the annual approved projects catalogue). Discussion ensued around print vs. web-based vs. CD distribution of the projects listing. A final decision was put off for the March meeting.

Community Service

This committee developed and distributed a survey on club community service projects. Below is the report.

The purpose of the community service survey was to get a better idea of how the clubs assess strengths and needs in their communities (which, for the purpose of this survey, generally means their towns), how they choose their projects, what they might like see from the districts community service committee, and whether they used the Rotary International's *Communities in*

Action guide to community service. We used the recommendations in *Communities in Action*, particularly with respect to community assessment and choosing a project, as a baseline for our evaluation.

We surveyed clubs on their community assessment activities because the committee and other district leaders thought that this might be an area that, although emphasized by Rotary International, clubs tend not to spend much time on. The survey was meant only to give a general idea of what clubs do in relation to community assessment and choosing a project and is not particularly scientific.

Twenty-one clubs, with membership numbers ranging 9 to 190, responded. Answers to survey questions are summarized below. The questions were not multiple choice, allowing the clubs to explain their activities. In most cases, though, answers were similar enough to group in to categories. For example, clubs answered the question “Has your club ever done a community assessment to better understand things like your community’s strengths, weaknesses and challenges?” in different ways. The answers, though, could be grouped into four basic categories - those clubs that have done formal assessments with outside groups, those that did assessments through their membership, small clubs in small towns that have a good understanding of what the town needed, and those that did not do any type of community assessment.

Questions and answer summaries are below, followed by comments and suggestions based on how the answers reflected the recommendations in the *Communities in Action* handbook.

1. Does your club have a community service chair/committee?

14 of the clubs have a community service chair or committee, two had project or committee chairs, and five did not have a community service chair or committee.

2. Has your club ever done a community assessment to better understand things like your community’s strengths, weaknesses and challenges?

Three clubs have done formal assessments where they invited the participation of organizations or individuals from outside the club, four have done community assessments through discussion among members (because it was thought that members represented or had acquaintances across a broad cross section of the community), three were small clubs in small towns that had a good understanding of what the town needed. One club worked very closely with a not-for-profit organization that did a comprehensive community assessment. Ten clubs did no community assessment. Interestingly, one club that has not done any type of community assessment wished they had because they pursued a problematic project.

3. If so, did you find the exercise useful? Why? Why not?

All the clubs that did some type of community assessment thought that it was a useful exercise. One club that did not do an assessment did not think that it would be useful.

4. If so, can you briefly describe how you did your assessment (i.e. interviews with community representatives, mailed surveys, etc.) and when you last did one?

Clubs did assessments through discussion among members either with or without talking to outside groups/individuals. Two clubs commented that they chose their projects only after they received proposals.

5. Who were the people/groups to whom you reached out to do your community assessment? (i.e. what sectors of the community did they represent – government, business, human service, etc.?)

Clubs who took the time reached out to diverse organizations including schools, government, churches, other clubs, health ministry and the human service sector in one way or another as their time and resources allowed.

6. With whom did you share the results of your community assessment?

No clubs shared the results of community assessment outside club membership.

7. Do you see any obstacles to your club being able to have a well-rounded conversation about community strengths and weaknesses amongst members?

No clubs saw any obstacles to a well rounded conversation about community strengths and weaknesses. Two clubs commented that they had good cross sections of the community in their clubs to facilitate this. Two thought their conversation might be limited by a limited number of sectors represented by members.

8. When did your club last choose a new service project(s) and/or review existing projects?

Twelve clubs have chosen new community service project in the past two years. Four others have picked new project since 2002. The others did not answer.

9. How does/did your club decide on your community service project(s)? (i.e. club discussion, subcommittee decision, etc.)

All the clubs chose their project through club or committee discussion. One club took the additional step of involving outside groups to help choose projects.

10. Do your community service project(s) have the explicit endorsement and/or involvement of other community groups or the people being served?

All clubs had the explicit endorsement of other community groups for their projects.

11. Do you involve Rotary groups like Interact, Rotoact or other Rotary clubs?

Seven clubs worked with other rotary organizations to one extent or another.

12. If your club disbanded tomorrow, would your community service projects sustain themselves?

Ten clubs stated that their projects would sustain themselves. Nine clubs said that their projects would not be sustainable. One club said they would be sustainable with difficulty and one said that some would and some would not.

13. Does your club have guidelines for making cash gifts?

Ten clubs had guidelines. The rest made gifts based on discussion and budget.

14. What are your community service project(s) and what do you consider your most impactful community project?

There was a wide variety of terrific and impactful projects. Examples include...

hospital/literacy/elderly

habitat for humanity

walking trail, day care center

Community Services , Rotary Center

adopt highway, canal towpath, blood testing, hospital renovation

Children Aid Society

welcoming signs at village
 hospital expansion, band instruments for high school, music festival
 postal alert, youth center
 schools, bike helmets, park cleanup, golf program, back pack for school
 salvation army bells, thanksgiving meal, scholarships, city pool, small grants
 for community groups
 local community grants, disadvantaged program at ymca camp, centennial project
 park rehab, buy books,
 Frank Loyd Wright boathouse
 foundation for youth, floral beautification, historical society
 town pool, book donations,
 xmas party for kids, lodging for troubled young ladies, helping children, scoreboards,
 weather detection, club house, trees, bike path
 blood screening, home show, scholarship, gazebo, ryla, slapshot

15. What type of support, if any, would you like to see from the district Community Service Committee?

Two clubs requested help in world community service, one requested a list of projects with contact information, three requested community service programs, three requested ideas on generating various types of revenue (including grants and funding public relations), five requested information generally.

16. Have you ever used the *Communities in Action* Guide to Effective Projects at Rotary.org?

Only two clubs have ever used the *Communities in Action* handbook.

Comments on answers as they relate to recommendations in Rotary International's *Communities in Action* handbook.

The relatively low response rate, 29 percent, is probably a function of the survey design and delivery (which is admittedly “down and dirty”), a low priority that some clubs place on district activity such as this, the nature of clubs’ organization and other variables. There were many similarities in the answers, though, that likely reflect activity in clubs that did not respond.

All the responses reflect terrific community service projects and the clubs are generally organized for impactful community service. In many ways, the old adage “if it’s not broke, don’t fix it” applies. The question, however, is whether or not, given available resources, clubs’ community service projects are as impactful as possible and whether or not clubs realize their full potential in their communities.

There are eight characteristics of the most successful service projects listed in *Communities in Action*.

1. They respond to real issues
All Rotary projects respond to real issues in one way or another.
2. They improve community members’ lives
All projects improve community members’ lives in one way or another as well.
3. They incorporate the abilities of those who are served

The survey does not indicate that this is always the case unless all clubs have members who represent groups being served and other underrepresented populations. Few clubs reached out to these groups to do community assessments.

4. They recognize the contributions of all participants as important and necessary.

Inasmuch as no clubs reported back to the community, it is unlikely that all recognize the contributions of participants as important and necessary.

5. They are based on a realistic assessment of available resources

Available resources are within both the club and the community. This question is again about membership. Unless members represent a wide array of community sectors, it is unlikely that projects are based on an assessment of all available resources.

6. They aim for specific goals and objectives with measurable results

The survey didn't really measure this, but generally projects have specific goals and objectives. The larger question is whether they are the best goals and objectives possible.

7. They build effective networks

Inasmuch as not all clubs worked with outside groups to do assessments, opportunities to build effective networks are lost according to *Communities in Action*. That being said, clubs are constantly building networks to one extent or another.

8. They empower people and communities

Again, clubs do empower people and communities, but opportunities are lost when those being served and other community groups are not part of the community service process.

Some specific recommendations follow.

Many clubs rely on discussion within membership to assess the community's strengths and needs. This is fine if membership includes the various sectors of any town – business, religious, human service, government, schools, etc.. Some clubs said that their members have connections to various sectors, but these clubs did not have a formal process to involve them. This makes it difficult to get to the root of some community problems or identify all of a community's strengths.

A recurring theme in *Communities in Action* is the involvement of those who are served. This ensures that community service projects take advantage of a wide variety of community resources, address community problems at their root, and are sustainable. Almost all clubs reported that they were able to have a productive conversation about their community. Interestingly, many of the same clubs did not make an effort to involve outside groups in any type of community assessment. If clubs do not involve those being served in any type of community assessment, do they have club members who represent these populations? Clubs who informally assess their communities through club discussion alone may only be scratching the surface. More information on club membership is needed to fully address this issue.

Additionally, community assessments are more subjective if only members are involved. Club members are not always stakeholders and projects tend to reflect the interests of members. For an effective assessment, clubs should include a wide range of community stakeholders – especially groups that are often overlooked, like women, young people and religious or ethnic minorities. This can help capture more diverse perspectives and reveal potential resources and problems that might otherwise remain hidden.

Important to note, too, is that clubs who did community assessments involving outside groups in any way found the exercise useful in choosing projects.

Another point in *Communities in Action* is the potential to increase public awareness and membership through greater outreach to other organizations within a town for the purposes of community assessment. Not only is community assessment a way to develop the most impactful projects, it is an outstanding opportunity to demonstrate the wonderful work that Rotary does to a

wide variety of people. The more work that clubs do with other groups, the greater awareness they have and the greater potential for increased membership.

No clubs reported their activity back to the community at large. This is an opportunity lost. There is no doubt that clubs informally report their community assessment and project activity to the community time and time again. A more formal presentation to let the community know about the clubs success, partnerships, and views of the community can solidify long lasting partnerships that help ensure the most impactful projects. Reports to the community also spread good will and let other community groups know Rotary values their contributions and partnerships. They also provide other groups an opportunity to critique Rotary's work and recognize synergistic opportunities. Clubs can easily report to their community through annual town board meetings, year-in-review letters to various community leaders at holiday time, newspaper editorials, etc.

As stated in *Communities in Action*, increased attention to community assessment that involves outside people and groups (with special attention to those being served and generally underrepresented populations) and reporting activity back to the community allows Rotary Clubs to play a facilitator role in their towns. This is above and beyond the hands on work and donations that clubs already make and, in some instances, might even replace it. Rotarians are leaders in their fields. By facilitating discussion, Rotarians can lend their leadership to acquire new resources and engage and empower others in the community. This will help strengthen the community and lead to future, highly impactful service projects.

An obvious question is how much outreach beyond the club is enough. There is only so much time in the day and existing service projects must be carried out. Again, *if it isn't broke, don't fix it*. Clubs can, however, take small steps by inviting representatives from other sectors to their meetings or out to coffee. Clubs can also designate members to coordinate some of this activity. New members, in fact, might enjoy the opportunity to interact with others in the community. The bottom line is that clubs can always keep greater outreach in mind and consider developing specific, easily accomplished tasks to facilitate it. Clubs will ultimately do what is comfortable for them. The important thing is for clubs to keep community assessment and partnerships in the forefront as they do what Rotarians do best – service their communities. Many already do so.

**Report to Council
District 7090
January 26, 2008**

Training Director - Wallace J. Ochterski, PE

The Rotary districts do an extensive job of training officers in the Rotary clubs across the world. President elect training, Club Officer training, Rotarian training and information dissemination at District Assemblies, Assistant Governor training, and numerous specific subject seminars are all well planned and attended.

Governor Bob Leek asked if there shouldn't be a training facet that would assist the Rotarian in their career, profession, and/or business? After some discussions, we decided that the areas in which any Rotarian, young or older, new Rotarian or a long time member, would benefit would be public presentations and consensus building.

With the advent of numerous technological advancements, such as Power Point, LDC projectors, and the like, public speaking has taken on a whole new activity and dynamic. In addition, work and business today is more focus into groups, teams, and joint ventures than in individuality and solo operations. To assist Rotarians achieve success and growth, they need the interpersonal tools to address these factors.

The outcome of this Rotary initiative is a skill development seminar in Public Presentations and Consensus Building. We are looking at two Saturday sessions, provided by the regional Dale Carnegie Training program. The cost for attending the skill training would be \$80 US per attendee. Our initial thoughts are to split this expense between the Rotary Club, the Rotarian, and District 7090. The timing would be for May and June of 2008.

We are looking for questions, comments, suggestions, and any input the Council might have. Please forward remarks to Wally Ochterski at wallaceo1@aol.com, or (716) 674-4557 (O).

Nominating Committee Report to District Council
January 26, 2008

Chair: Charlotte Herlong, PDG

We have two candidates for Governor. Interviews will be set as soon as we can set a date that all can attend.

COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

PREAMABLE

- Held every three years, acting as the legislative body for RI
- Every district selects a representative to attend
- Requires being in Chicago for one week to vote on legislation
- Next COL will be held in April in 2010
- Deadline for selection is June 30th, 2008
- Both a representative and an alternate are to be chosen

ELIGIBILITY

- Has served a full term as District Governor
- Able to attend for the entire week
- May serve more than once
- If there is only one candidate, that individual is chosen
- If no candidate, a Governor-Elect or a non-full term Governor may be chosen

SELECTION PROCESS

- RI is recommending that both the representative and the alternate should be selected by a nominating committee procedure
- Alternatively, the selection may be through an election at the district conference or through a ballot by mail
- Any district club may nominate a candidate

DISTRICT 7090 SELECTION PROCESS

- The Governor has chosen to follow RI's recommendation and use the nominating committee procedure
- All eligible candidates will be contacted and invited to have their name put forward by being nominated by a district 7090 Rotary club
- A candidate cannot serve on the nominating committee
- If more than one candidate comes forward, the nominating committee will interview each candidate, then make recommendations to District Council

MOTION

That the District Governor adopt the nominating committee procedure as recommended by RI in selecting a representative from district 7090 to the 2010 Council On Legislation

DISTRICT 7090 Friendship Exchange Committee
District Council Report
January 26, 2008

Return Visit, District 4651: The Brazilians will let us know in March if they are coming the first two weeks in June, 2008.

District 9790 Australia

Our team, led by PDG Wally Ochterski, will be visiting Australia from October 25 to November 11, 2008. The eleven participants represent the following Rotary clubs: St. Catharines AM, St. Catharines, Grimsby PM, Waterdown, West Seneca and Buffalo Sunrise.

The Australians will be visiting our District June 19 to July 2, 2008. Their visit will start in the Buffalo area and finish in the St. Catharines area.

District 9930 New Zealand

Our team, led by PDG Bob Bruce, will be visiting New Zealand February 25 to March 12, 2009. The participants will be selected shortly.

The New Zealanders will be visiting our District in September/October, 2009.

We are considering Slovenia, Bulgaria, Ecuador and Japan for future exchanges. Recommendations are always welcome.

The Rotary Friendship Exchange Program offers Rotarians and their partners an opportunity to experience other cultures by staying in the homes of Rotarians in other countries. The program aims to advance international understanding, good will and peace. Recent District 7090 exchanges have included Brazil, South Africa and Sweden.

Nan Bruce, District 7090 Friendship Exchange Chair

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Family of Rotary for District Council 1-26-08

WHAT IS THE FAMILY OF ROTARY AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT

As the District 7090's Family of Rotary Chairperson, I will provide information and support for Rotary clubs within our district to help them pursue the first Object of Rotary – to encourage and foster the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

We know as Rotarians that it is never too late to begin with your family of Rotary. It was Paul Harris' vision that gave us this wonderful service club called Rotary. Friendship was the foundation, the rock on which Rotary service was built. A focus on Family of Rotary provides encouragement for Rotarians, their families and members of the larger Rotary family by strengthening clubs and instilling a sense of integrity, tolerance and unselfishness in the next generation.

Supporting Family of Rotary is of critical importance because it:

- ❖ Builds lifelong friendships
- ❖ Enhances our personal families' relationships
- ❖ Builds world understanding and peace
- ❖ Improves international solidarity and tolerance
- ❖ Contributes to membership growth
- ❖ Contributes to diversity of age, gender, race, ethnicity, culture, religion and profession
- ❖ Improves Rotary's public image
- ❖ Strengthens clubs and the commitment to service

To the end that Rotarians are successful, each Rotary Club in our district is encouraged to appoint a Family of Rotary Coordinator whose duties will be to establish and promote the *Family of Rotary* Objectives. This person's duties should be but not limited to:

- Establish a schedule of activities throughout the year,
- Organizing social outings on a regular basis in order to promote friendship and fellowship,
- Inviting families to attend club meetings and events,
- And identifying persons having special needs and setting up a visitation schedule to cheer up shut ins, hospitalized and recuperating members.

We are available to provide information and assistance on this important aspect of Rotary.

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Remember, Rotary should make time for families, not take time from families.

Attached is the article that was included in the December 2007 issue of the district newsletter. For those who did not see it, we hope this helps you find ideas for incorporating the Family of Rotary into your club. As always, we are here to give assistance when needed. Thank you.

December is Family Month

As I prepare this column for the Family of Rotary, it is during the holiday season that we tend to think more about, and be thankful for, our wonderful families. One of the reasons I love being the chair for the Family of Rotary is that I believe vitally in the importance of families. Families are the needed shoulder to lean on when things seem impossible, the extra hands when our life and our work seem too much to handle and the arms to enclose us and support us when we are tired and ill. As always, but especially this month, I ask every one of us to remember and appreciate our families at home and in Rotary. To help with some ideas for celebrating our Family of Rotary, I have developed a short list of things to share with you because that's what we do, Rotary Shares.

1. Plan a holiday event that includes Rotarians and their families.
2. Adopt a family in need this holiday season and share your good fortune by giving them a memorable holiday.
3. Visit a hospital or nursing home and just share the gift of time and fellowship.
4. Make it a priority this month to make contact with Rotarians that have not been at meetings. Remind them how important they are to you and your club. Let them know how much they are missed.
5. Gather a group of Rotarians and go Christmas caroling.
6. Plan an annual dinner event and celebrate a Rotarian that has a number of years of service. Invite the Rotarian's family and friends.
7. If you haven't already, establish a chair and a committee for the Family of Rotary.
8. Gather information and establish a database about club Rotarians (birthdays, anniversaries, and spouses' name, number of children/grandchildren.
9. Conduct a member survey regarding fellowship needs.
10. Invite family members to the induction ceremony of each new member. Invite and encourage family members to participate in service projects, fundraising activities, special club activities, and the district conference.